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E. O. 11652: ADS: DECLAS DECEMBER 31, 1976

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SUBJECT: PRG JMC DEPLOYMENT PROPOSAL

1. SUMMARY: THE PRG MADE A FIVE POINT PROPOSAL AT THE MAY 11 MEETING

OF THE CENTRAL TWO PARTY JMC CHIEFS IN SAIGON. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WAS THE " IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT" OF THE TPJMC TO THE REGIONS WHERE EACH PARTY WOULD SET UP " ITS INSTALLATION IN ITS CONTROLLED AREA." THE PRG PROPOSED THAT ONE OR TWO REGIONS BE SELECTED AS TRIAL DEPLOYMENT SITES. THE PROPOSAL, SUPERFICIALLY FORTHCOMING AND CONCILIATORY, CONTAINS AT LEAST TWO ELEMENTS WHICH MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR THE GVN TO ACCEPT. END SUMMARY.

2. AN ICCS REGION VII SOURCE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE LETTER THE
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PRG JMC DELEGATION SENT MAY 16 TO THE ICCS CHAIRMAN IN SAIGON. THE LETTER ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRG HAD MADE A " NEW PROPOSAL " AT THE MAY 11 CENTRAL TPJMC CHIEFS MEETING. IT SAYS THAT THE PRG HAS " ONCE AGAIN..... SHOWN ITS GOOD WILL TO SERIOUSLY AND SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT." THE PRG PROPOSAL ENCLOSED

WITH THE MAY 16 LETTER NOTES

THAT ONE HUNDRED DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND CLAIMS THAT THE " PLAF OF SVN HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY AND SERIOUSLY OBSERVED THE CEASEFIRE..... IN FACE OF THE OFFENSIVE AND NIBBLING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE RVN ARMED FORCES." THE PRG THEN GOES ON TO SAY THAT AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL IT PROPOSES THAT:

(A) THE TWO PARTIES, IN ACCORD WITH THE " APPEAL TO THE COMMANDERS," ISSUE CEASEFIRE ORDERS TO ALL FORCES AND " WITHDRAW THEIR UNITS BACK TO THEIR PRE- JANUARY 28, 1973 POSITIONS" (B) TWO PARTY JOINT TEAMS BE ORGANIZED TO IMPLEMENT THE APPEAL " IN SEVERAL OPPOSING FIELD UNITS OF BOTH PARTIES." THE ICCS IS INVITED TO " GO ALONG FOR SUPERVISION." (C) THE TWO PARTIES " CHOOSE ONE REGION AS AN EXPERIMENT" AND " ENCOURAGE THE COMMANDERS OF THE UNITS AT THOSE PLACES OF DIRECT CONTACT TO MEET" IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE CEASEFIRE. THE RECOMMENDATION SUGGESTS LESSONS LEARNED IN THE EXPERIMENTAL REGION MAY BE APPLIED TO OTHER REGIONS. (D) THE TWO PARTIES " PROMPTLY DESIGNATE JOINT MILITARY TEAMS TO PERFORM FIELD INVESTIGATIONS" (OF VIOLATIONS). THE TEAMS WOULD REPORT VIOLATIONS TO THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION. (E) THE FIFTH PROPOSAL, THE MOST IMPORTANT, STATES THAT THE PRG " EARNESTLY DESIRES TO DEPLOY" THE TPJMC TO THE REGIONS" AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." IT GOES ON TO COMPLAIN THAT THE GVN HAS NOT IMPLEMENTED PROTOCOL ARTICLES SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN AND HAS NOT " REALIZED THE ELEVEN AGREED POINTS ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES." FOR THIS REASON THE JMC HAS NOT DEPLOYED TO THE FIELD. THE PRG CALLS ON THE GVN TO " CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE" AND IMPLEMENT THE PROTOCOL. THE PROPOSAL THEN SAYS THAT THE PRG, NEVERTHELESS, PROPOSES " THE IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE TWO PARTY JMC IN THE REGIONS. IN THIS WAY EACH PARTY SHALL SET UP ITS INSTALLATIONS IN ITS CONTROLLED AREA AND WILL TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER PARTY CHOOSE A HEADQUARTERS IN A PLA

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